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## **Only 30 snakes died at Negri farm**

THIRTY snakes of various species have died over a period of two months at the Kuala Pilah Snake Farm, *Malaysia Nanyang* said in a front-page report.

Quoting Negri Sembilan state secretary Datuk Norzam Mohd Nor, the snakes had died from infection by bacteria spread through the watering channels and because the reptiles had been given unsuitable diet.

He refuted press reports that 70 snakes had died at this farm which was opened to the public since March.

He said five anacondas had been placed in quarantine at Universiti Putra Malaysia while the upgrading and renovation works were being carried out at the farm to provide a better habitat for the snakes.

The snakes also have routine health checks and experts have been engaged to look into their diet, according to Norzam.